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The Nebraska State 30 (J-1 visa waiver program) operates by the following the intent of the J-1 visa waiver legislation listed below.

- (1) All applications will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- (2) A reasonable effort to recruit U.S. physicians is pursued by the applicant.
- (3) A physician who is a citizen of the U.S. could not be found to fill the job.
- (4) There is a justifiable need for the State of Nebraska to intercede on behalf of its residents.
- (5) Applicants will serve federal medically underserved locations/populations.

Evaluation of Nebraska State 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Applications

- Description of the recruitment and retention efforts
 - Copies of advertisements
 - List of interviewed candidates and reason not selected
 - Notation and description of limited candidates in the region
- Description of market service area
 - Primary and secondary health care service area
 - Number of providers for specialty sought, include visiting specialties if applicable
 - Number of procedures most commonly performed by specialty sought (the hospital association has this information for inpatient care by market service area)
 - Health Professions Tracking Center data on number and location of specialty sought, Kolene Kohll, Director, 402-559-9526
- Monitoring of market area service provider and accessibility
 - Health Professions Tracking Center data determines location and FTE of providers
 - Follow up on any complaints that medical practices don't see patients
 - Utilize Medicaid claims data if necessary to monitor access concerns
 - Are referrals from safety net providers seen in a timely fashion
 - Past compliance with the program guidelines are considered for future requests
- General evaluation of requests by communities/practices
 - Primary and specialty requests are considered on a case by case basis, resources such as the following or other reputable resources are considered:
<http://chws.albany.edu/reports/042002/caexit2002.pdf> and
<http://chws.albany.edu/reports/042002/nyexit2002.pdf>
 - Primary care placements are given priority there is a concern about exceeding the limit of 30 per year
 - Our participation in the program is focused on assisting the community and citizens of our state
 - Guidelines and shortage area information is shared when a confirmed candidate and site match is presented, and a web site with Nebraska State 30 information is underway
 - Information of the application process is made through the contact person at the site requesting assistance and may include direct contact with immigration attorneys and/or the candidate if the site contact so desires